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FM AMEMBASSY DAKAR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3454

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAKAR 0198

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, AO, SG

SUBJ: POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF MILITARY SITUATION IN
ANGOLA

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1. REFTEL ARRIVED AFTERNOON JAN 8 DURING FINAL HOURS OF DAKAR NAMIBIA CONFERENCE AND FONMINISTRY OFFICIALS WERE THEREFORE TEMPORARILY INACCESSIBLE. EARLY JAN 9 CHARGE CALLED ON FONMINISTRY TECHNICAL COUNSELOR WANE BIRANE TO REVIEW CONTENTS REFTEL. CHARGE REQUESTED THAT FONMINISTRY COMMUNICATE DEMARCHE TO PRESIDFNT SENGHOR WHO LEFT BEFORE DAYBREAK JAN 9 FOR ADDIS ABABA.

2. BIRANE SAID GOS WAS IN ESSENTIAL AGREEMENT WITH USG APPRAISAL EXCEPT THAT SENEGALESE GOVT'S INFORMATION WAS LESS COMPLETE AND SOMEWHAT DATED. GOS IS VERY MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT SOUTH AFRICAN ROLE HE SAID, AND FINDING ITSELF UNDER EXTENSIVE PRESSURE FROM OTHER AFRICANS TO TAKE TOUGHER LINE AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. NONETHELESS, BIRANE SAID HE WAS SURE PRESIDENT SENGHOR WOULD WELCOME OUR SUMMARY AND RATIONALE. BIRANE SAID THAT GOS COMMUNICATIONS LINKS WITH ITSHVMBASSY IN ADDIS ARE NOT VERY DEPENDABLE AND ASKED WHETHER, UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, WE COULD ASK US EMBASSY ADDIS ABABA TO PASS
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SUBSTANCE OF DEMARCH TO SENEGALESE EMBASSY THERE. CHARGE

TOLD HIM WE ASSUMED OUR EMBASSY IN ADDIS WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH HIS EMBASSY BUT THAT TRANSLATION, PROPRIETY OF CONTACTS IN CHARGED ATMOSPHERE, AND OTHER PROBLEMS SEEMED TO MAKE IT PREFERABLE FOR FONMINISTRY TO COMMUNICATE OUR EVALUATION THROUGH GOS CHANNELS.

4. BIRANE AGREED PROVIDED EMBASSY WOULD PREPARE FRENCH TEXT FOR INCLUSION IN MESSAGE WHICH FONMINISTRY WILL SEND. WE HAVE PROVIDED SUCH TEXT ALONG WITH MAP SHOWING AREAS CONTROLLED BY THREE FACTIONS (PARA 5D REFTTEL).

5. COMMENT: GOS REMAINS VERY MUCH OPEN TO CONSULTATION WITH US ON ANGOLA ISSUE AND OUR POSITIONS ARE VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL. FONMINISTRY OFFICIAL BIRANE SAID HE WOULD INSTRUCT SENEGALESE EMBASSY ADDIS TO COOPERATE WITH AMERICANS. IN CASE DEPT AND EMBASSY ADDIS ABABA CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE, WE RECOMMEND FOLLOW UP WITH SENEGALESE EMBASSY TO MAKE SURE OUR DEMARCHE GETS THROUGH TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR. DAVIS

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